



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 276

January Session, 2001

AN ACT CONCERNING INATTENTIVE DRIVING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 (NEW) (a) "Driving while distracted" means the operation of a
2 motor vehicle while engaged in a distractive activity in a manner that
3 interferes with the free and proper use of the public highways or
4 endangers users of the public highways. For the purposes of this
5 section, "distractive activity" means an activity not directly related to
6 the operation of the motor vehicle, and that includes, but is not limited
7 to: Reading; writing; consuming food, beverages or tobacco; changing
8 garments; using mobile telephones, AM, FM or CB radios, audio or
9 video cassette players, compact disc players, televisions, or any other
10 audio or video devices; using pagers, portable computers, two-way
11 radios, radar detectors, personal digital assistants, geographic
12 positioning system receivers or similar devices; applying make-up,
13 shaving, combing hair, or attending to other forms of personal
14 grooming; or interacting with passengers or pets.

15 (b) Any person driving while distracted shall have committed an
16 infraction and (1) for the first offense shall be fined not less than one
17 hundred fifty dollars nor more than three hundred dollars, and (2) for
18 each subsequent offense shall be fined not less than two hundred fifty
19 dollars nor more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more
20 than fifteen days or be both fined and imprisoned.

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